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Enquiries re F. Sgt. No. 27 E.G.H. Halwell attached to Recording Staff of the Municipal Advocates Office.

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May 3rd., 1930.

Sir,

Acting on instructions received from Mr. R. C. Aiers D.C. (C. and S. Branches) per Det. Insp. J. Hunter on May 2nd 1930 enquiries were made by the undersigned, Det. Sgt. Barton and Det. Sgt. Unemoto for F. Sgt. Eustace George Hogan Halwell, who had been missing since April 30th 1930.

F. Sgt. Halwell's wife was interviewed by me at her home at No. 162, Sinza Road, on the morning of above date, and she informed me that she had last seen her husband about 1.30 p.m. on April 30th 1930. At this particular time he left home on his way to the Shanghai Special District Court. Previous to his departure then she discovered an "Advice" note, which had come in by post on same date, from the China Finance Corporation, 4 Hankow Road, and it was advising him that $85 was due on May 1st 1930 on the promissory note, which he had signed. This caused Mrs. Halwell to have a straight talk with him re his financial worries, because she had noticed he had been very moody and peculiar during the past fortnight. However, he had arranged to meet her shortly after 4 p.m. on same date, and go with her to the China Finance Corporation and square up the account for the aforementioned sum, and he left with his pay cheque. Since then she had not seen or heard of him.

Enquiries were made by the undersigned at the China Finance Corporation(Fed. Inc. U.S.A.) 4, Hankow Road, where Mr. H. A. Keays was interviewed. He admitted to me, in confidence, that F. Sgt. Halwell had got a loan of money from the concern and so far had not appeared to pay his first instalment. He had signed 12 promissary note for $1000 which had to be paid back at the rate of $85 per month from May 1930 to March 1931 and $65 on March 1931. He had actually borrowed $800 and the

$200 had been added on as interest. I saw the official papers at the office showing the $1000, but Mr. H. A. Keays did not state what the amount was tha F. Sgt. Halwell had been paid over to him as a loan; but Mr. Gee, an employee of above concern, told me that the actual amount paid out was $800. F. Sgt. Hallwell, according to the official papers seen, contracted the loan on March 7th 1930, and he mortgaged his house furniture and effects on same. Mr. Gee went to his home on March 10th 1930 and valued the property there at $855. A letter of introduction and guarantee, dated March 8th 1930, re Hallwell, written by Dr. O. Fischer of Musso Fischer and Welhelm, 71, Szechuen Road, was attached to the official papers also. During the period this loan was contracted, Mrs. Halwell was in Nanking with friends on holiday.

Det. Sgt. Barton made enquiries for F. Sgt. Halwell on May 2nd 1930 at the shipping companies, and Thomas Cook's Ltd's office, Nanking Road. No results. Enquiries were also made by Japanese Detective Sgt. Unemoto at the Japanese Shipping Companies, which proved abortive.

About 4 p.m. on May 2nd 1930 Supt. Yorke attached to the Municipal Advocates office informed me per phone that Halwell had returned. Later Mr. R. C. Aiers D.C.(C. and S.B.) instructed the undersigned to discontinue enquiries.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently

Alexander Telfer.

D.S.I.

J.H. 3/5/30.

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